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In re Application of :  
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: For: QUANTITATIVE METHOD AND :  
: QUANTITATIVE CHIP FOR OBJECTIVE :  
: SUBSTANCE :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.